

**CLAIMS**

1. A closure for a refuse container, the closure including a main panel portion having opposed side edges, the closure further including side members, each of which is adapted to be associated with a respective side edge of the main panel portion, the side members being of greater rigidity than the main panel portion, cooperating connector parts associated with the main panel portion and side members for releasably connecting each of the side members to a respective side edge of the main panel portion, and a pivot mounting for pivotally mounting the closure to the refuse container.
2. A closure assembly according to claim 1 wherein the main panel portion is a generally flat member which is generally square or rectangular in plan having opposed end ends extending between the opposed sides, the pivot mounting including a pivot mounting section at one of the ends.
3. A closure assembly according to claim 2 wherein each side member of the closure is in the form of an elongated bar shaped element having sides which are about the same length of the sides of the main panel portion, each side member including opposed ends, and said pivot mounting including a further pivot mounting section at one end thereof.
4. A closure assembly according to claim 3 wherein the connector parts include a tongue and cooperating groove, the tongue being formed on one of either the main panel portion or one of the side members and the groove being formed on the other of the main panel portion or one of the side members.
5. A closure assembly according to claim 4, wherein two tongues are provided one extending along each of the sides of the main panel portion and each side member includes two grooves each formed in a respective side there, the main panel portion and side member being connectable together by sliding the tongue into the groove at one end thereof.

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6. A closure assembly according to claim 5 wherein the pivot mounting is in the form of a pin receiving sleeve operatively mounted to the main panel portion and/or the side members.
7. A closure assembly according to claim 6 further including a metal reinforcement embedded in the side members in the region of the pivot mounting sections and embedded within in the side members and/or main panel portion.
8. A closure assembly according to claim 7 wherein the metal reinforcement is associated with the side members and includes spaced apart side bars with a sleeve extending between the side bars at one end thereof the sleeve defining the pin mounting sleeve and a cross rod extending between the side bars at the other end thereof.